



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. **FSIS-2022-0034**]

**National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Solicit for Membership Nominations**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On February 6, 2023, the USDA published a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). In the notice, FSIS stated that the nomination period would close on March 15, 2023. FSIS is extending the nomination period until April 17, 2023, to provide interested persons with additional time to submit their nomination packages.

**DATES:** On February 6, 2023, USDA published a notice in the **Federal Register** 88 FR 7676; FR Doc. 2023-02395 soliciting nominations for membership on the NACMCF. The notice stated the nomination period would close on March 15, 2023. FSIS is extending the nomination period until April 17, 2023, to provide interested persons with additional time to submit their nomination packages. All nomination packages must be received by 11:59 p.m. est. or postmark by April 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Nomination packages should be sent by email to NACMCF@usda.gov, or mailed to: The Honorable Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1131, South Building, Attn: FSIS\OPHS\National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (John Jarosh), Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Jarosh, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone at 510-671-4397, by email to NACMCF@usda.gov or by mail to: John Jarosh, USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1131, Washington, DC 20250.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The NACMCF provides impartial scientific advice and peer reviews to Federal food safety agencies for use in the development of an integrated national food safety systems approach that assures the safety of domestic, imported, and exported foods. USDA is seeking NACMCF nominees with scientific expertise in the fields of microbiology, risk assessment, epidemiology, public health, food science, and other relevant disciplines. To obtain the scientific perspective, expertise, experience and point-of-view of all stakeholders, USDA is seeking nominations for the NACMCF from persons in academia, industry, and State governments, as well as all other interested persons with the required expertise. Members can serve on only one USDA Advisory Committee at a time.

A complete nomination package consists of the three documents listed in the February 6, 2023, notice: (1) Nomination cover letter addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, (2) résumé or curriculum vitae and (3) USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755 Available at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf> (88 FR 7676. The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include educational background, expertise, and a list of select publications, if available, that confirm the nominee's expertise for the related work. Any submissions with more than the prescribed five one-sided pages in length will have only the first five pages reviewed. A person may self-nominate, or a nomination can be made on behalf of someone else.

#### **Additional Public Notification**

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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**Dated:** March 20, 2023.

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